

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1576
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BSNL CELL TOWERS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up more BSNL Towers, Cell Towers for better connectivity of phones in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the districts of Tamil Nadu where these are to be set up;
- (c) whether any time limit for providing the same has been fixed; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the date on which the above services are likely to start?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is in the process of installing around 1186 additional Base Stations (Towers) in the State of Tamil Nadu for expansion of its cellular network. The details of the Base Station (Towers) proposed to be installed in the State of Tamil Nadu are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): The installation of these Base Stations are targeted during current financial year and is expected to be functional progressively from August, 2005 onwards.

Annexure

List of Towers proposed in the state of Tamil Nadu

Name of the SSA Towers	No. of
CHENGALPUT	56
COIMBATORE	131
COONOR	23
CRDA	50
CUDDALORE	70
DHARMAPURI	46
ERODE	72
KARAIKUDI	61
MADURAI	101
NAGERCOIL	62
SALEM	104
THANJAVUR	53
TRICHY	126
TUTICORIN	51
TIRUNELVELI	66
VIRUDHUNAGAR	35
VELLORE	79
CHENNAI TELECOM.	350
DISTRICT	
TOTAL:	1186